रहा है, भरा जा रहा है और गंदगी को साफ किया जा रहा है । यही सामान्य तरीका है ।

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, it is not that only the citizens are affected by this. Even tourists are very badly affected. I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Minister one instance. Two-three days ago, some of my relations and my grand children went to the Red Fort to see the Sound and Light Show. When they came back, I asked my gtand-daughter about her view of the Sound and Light Show. She said that it was not only a sound and light show, but it was also a sound and light mosquito show. She is six years old. If this is the case, how can we attract tourists ? Therefore, will the hon. Minister see to it that such places, where foreign tourists and other tourists come, such important, places, at least, are free of mosquitoes ?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : Sir, I quite agree that mosquitoes cannot be a tourist attraction. Therefore, we should take all measures to see that tourists places are kept as clean as possible, so that this discomfort is not there.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Sir, filariasis or elephantasis are rampant in the South, particularly, in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. There are soniC areas in Tirupati and its surrounding villages.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Tirupati ? NTR is there.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : The National Filaria Control Programme was launched in 1955.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please put your question.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : The aHeca&m is very meagre. Emery year, just Rs. one or two crores is the allocation. Therefore, the State Governments are not able to control it. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will increase the allocation for the National Filaria Control Programme.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : Sir, if there is any such area which is highly susceptible to filaria, I am sure, all efforts will be made ; even augmenting the funds, if necessary.

*125. *[The questioner (Mohd. Khaleelur Rahman) was absent. For answer,* vide *Cols.* 31-32 infra.].

*126. *[The questioner (Shri Harvendra Singh Hanspal) was absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 32—34 infra.]

Supply of Crude and Petroleum Products by Russia

* 127. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 326 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1992 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has failed to supply any crude and petroleum products to India despite the Indo-Russian Protocol ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) Hie quantity and value of crude and petroleum products which India was forced to purchase from the spot market in hard currency as a result of the failure of the Russian Government to supply the same under the prevailing rupet payment protocol ;

(d) by when the supplies are likely to begin from Russia ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) The Protocol signed en 22nd February, 1992 between the Government of India and the Government of

Russian Federation provides for import of 4 MMT crude oil, 0.6 MMT HSD and 0.5 MMT SKO from the Russian Federation during 1992. The contract for these supplies between Indian Oil Corporation and the concerned organisation of Russian Federation has not yet been signed. Schedule of supplies will be drawn up after the signing of the contract. However, an ad-hoc quantity of 60 TMT crude oil from Russia is expected during May, 1992. The Russian Government has given an assurance that they will fulfil their obligations under the Trade Protocol of 1992 for supply of crude oil and petroleum products worth ITS $ 650 million during 1992 and that they are providing special incentives to their oil enterprises to export to India.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Pollution by Vanaspati Industry

125. MOHD. KHALEERLUR RAH MAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRON MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Vanaspati industry falls under the category of polluting industry and cannot be set up in the cities having a population of more than 10 lakhs without an Industrial Licence ;

(ii) if so, the details of the parties which have set up Vanaspati Units in cities like Ludhiana having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per 1991 Census; and

(c) what punitive action is being taken by Government to stop operation of such unauthorised units ?

U1F MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Vanaspati industry does not fall in the category of polluting industries in respect of which industrial licence is compulsory.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conversion of Meter Gauge into Broad Gauge

*126. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared » target-oriented programme for the conversion of metre-gauge into broad-gauge during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, the details of the sections to be converted from MG to BG during the year 1992-93 ;

(c) whether complete conversion of MG to BG would be made during the Eighth Plan period ;

(d) if so, (he allocations made for the said purpose ; and

(e) the details of the foreign assistance sought for the project ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS <SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha. *(See below).*

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An allocation of Rs. 559.40 crores has been made in the Budget for 1992-93.

(e) Nil.